

What is claimed is:

1. A method for delivering content comprising the steps of:
processing the content to protect copyright of the
content;

5 deciding use conditions of the content;

describing a first digital item or a second digital
item in which said first digital item is defined in a form
of Digital Item Declaration, said first digital item
containing the content or an address of the content and
10 being able to contain other digital items defined therein;

packaging said first or second digital item described
in the form of Digital Item Declaration; and

delivering said first or second digital item packaged
in said packaging step to a user terminal;

15 wherein, in said describing step, a first description
regarding processing the content to protect the copyright
of the content and a second description regarding the use
conditions are both described in said first digital item.

20 2. The method for delivering content according to claim 1,
wherein said second description is described followed by
said first description in said first digital item, so that
said second description is analyzed ahead of said first
description by the user terminal.

3. The method for delivering content according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said describing step comprises a step of describing a flag which indicates that the copyright of the content is protected, and information of a first protect
5 canceling tool for canceling the protection of the copyright of the content.

4. The method for delivering content according to claim 3, wherein said processing step comprises at least one of a
10 step of embedding digital watermarking in the content, a step of encrypting the content, and a step of making digital signature in the content, and

said description step comprises a step of describing, based on a type of processing the content to protect the
15 copyright, at least one of a set of a flag which indicates that the digital watermarking is embedded in the content and information of a detection tool for detecting the digital watermarking, a set of a flag which indicates that the content is encrypted and information of a decryption
20 tool for decrypting the content, and a set of a flag which indicates that the digital signature is made in the content and information of a checking tool for checking the digital signature, as said first description.

25 5. The method for delivering content according to claim 4,

wherein said processing step comprises a step of encrypting the content with a use of an encryption key, and

5 said describing step comprises a step of describing a flag which indicates that the content is encrypted, the information of a decryption tool for decrypting the content, and information of the encryption key, as said first description.

6. The method for delivering content according to claim 5,
10 wherein said processing step further comprises a step of encrypting the encryption key, and

 said describing step further comprises a step of describing information of a license key for decrypting the encrypted encryption key.

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7. The method for delivering content according to one of claims 1-6, further comprises the steps of:

 processing said second description to protect copyright of said second description;

20 describing a flag which indicates that the copyright of said second description is protected, and information of a second protect canceling tool for canceling the protection of the copyright of said second description.

25 8. A content server comprising:

a content processor which processes content to protect copyright of the content;

a use condition generator which generates use conditions of the content;

5 a describer which describes a first digital item or a second digital item in which the first digital item is defined in a form of Digital Item Declaration, said first digital item containing the content or an address of the content and being able to contain other digital items
10 defined therein;

a packaging unit which packages said first or second digital item described in the form of Digital Item Declaration; and

a deliverer which delivers said first or second
15 digital item packaged by said packaging unit to a user terminal;

wherein said describer describes both of a first description regarding processing the content to protect the copyright of the content and a second description regarding
20 the use conditions in said first digital item.

9. The content server according to claim 8, wherein said describer describes a flag which indicates that the copyright of the content is protected, and information of a
25 first protect canceling tool for canceling the protection

of the copyright of the content.

10. The content server according to claim 8 or 9, wherein
said content processor processes said second description to
5 protect copyright of said second description; and

said describer describes a flag which indicates that
the copyright of said second description is protected, and
information of a second protect canceling tool for
canceling the protection of the copyright of said second
10 description.